

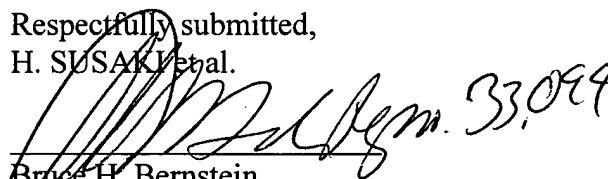
**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claim 18 will be amended amended, whereby claims 1 and 3-21 will remain pending. Claims 1 and 21 are independent claims.

Upon review of the application after allowance of the application, it was noted that "reacting a compound represented by the following formula with a drug compound" in claim 18 would more clearly be indicated as "reacting a compound represented by the following formula with a drug carrier". Accordingly, as discussed with Examiner Russell on September 23, 2004, claim 18 has been amended herein to even more clearly denote that the method of producing a drug complex comprises reacting a compound represented by recited formula with a drug carrier. This amendment is supported by the application as originally filed including, page 4, second full paragraph, and Examples 5a, 5b and 5c on page 20 of the specification wherein a compound of formula  $R'-NH-Y-CH_2-O-CO-Q$  is reacted with a drug carrier "A". The Examiner indicated that this change will be entered upon filing of this amendment.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to further discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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